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SUBJ: PROPOSED AUTEC IMPROVEMENTS

REF: NASSAU 199

1. PAST NAVY PLANS INCLUDED APPROXIMATELY 17.5M IN IMPROVEMENTS AT AUTEC. OF THESE PLANS, SONAR CALIBRATION RANGE IMPROVEMENTS OF 5.8M ARE BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE BY SEC DEF AS A RESULT OF THE PROLONGED NEGOTIATIONS. DREDGING AT SITE 1 IS PRESENTLY AN UNFUNDED REQUIREMENT AS ARE OTHER LOWER PRIORITY IMPROVEMENTS. IN VIEW OF THIS DELAY, NAVY HAS DEFERRED PROGRAMMING THE UNFUNDED REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTEC IMPROVEMENTS.

2. THERE ARE NO PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AT THE AFETR GBI

SITE OR AT NAVFAC ELEUTHERA WHICH ARE IN SUSPENSE PENDING US-GCOB DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

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3. WE CONCUR THAT THERE IS BENEFIT TO BE GAINED BY INFORM-
ING THE GCOB THAT THE PROLONGATION OF NEGOTIATIONS HAS
POSTPONED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING OF AUTC IMPROVEMENTS.
BECAUSE OF THE REALITIES OF THE BUDGET CYCLE, HOWEVER, IT
WOULD BE INCORRECT FOR THE EMBASSY TO IMPLY TO THE GCOB
THAT SHOULD A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT BE SIGNED POST HASTE,
THE AUTC IMPROVEMENTS EXPENDITURE WOULD NECESSARILY
FOLLOW THEREAFTER.

4. FYI. AS A MAINTENANCE FUNCTION NOT ASSOCIATED WITH
THE ABOVE, WE ARE CURRENTLY REPLACING ONE ACOUSTIC ARRAY
WHICH FAILED RECENTLY. END FYI. CASEY

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